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[0038] Thus, by equipping the Web server function unit 31 in the label printer 7, the label printer 7 can perform processing according to the following requests designated by the browser installed in the client PC 1: a request for the label printer 7's status; an initial screen display request; a firmware downloading request; a label issuance request; and a rendering request. Therefore, the client PC 1, with the browser previously installed, can output the various requests as described above to the label printer 7 so that there is no need to develop a communication program for outputting such requests and install the program in the client PC 1. That is to say that the development of such a communication program can be made unnecessary. In addition, since the client PC 1 can cause the label printer 7 to issue labels, it is possible to verify that a newly-installed program operates properly.